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In re Application of: Michael G. Taylor. )  
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For: BIT-RATE TRANSPARENT WDM )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97(b), and 1.98 applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Also attached is a copy of the Patent Cooperation Treaty International Search Report.

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Accordingly, no certification or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO 1449 Form, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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